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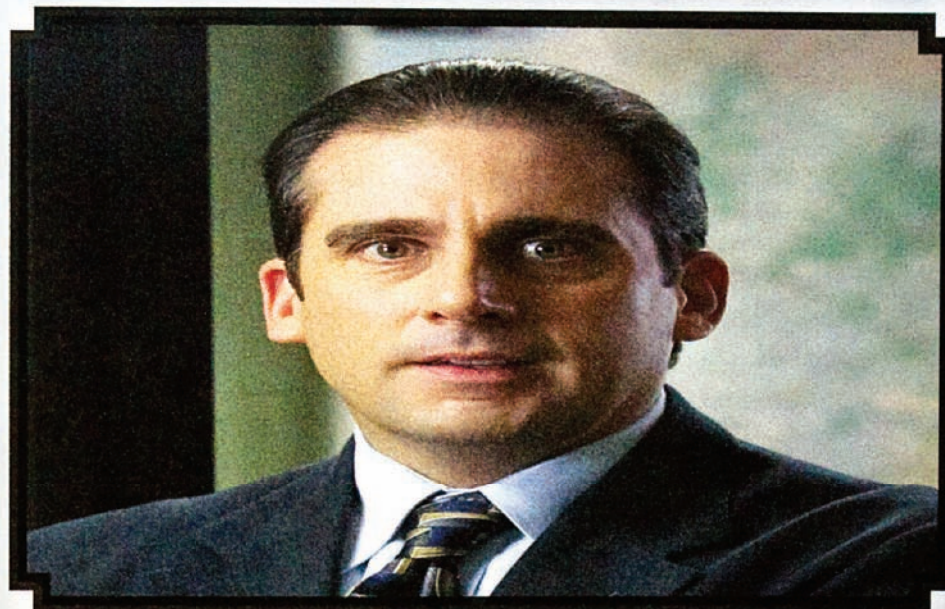
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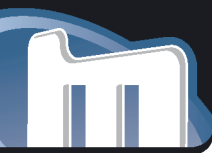


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best bets

By Jessica Gallart
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For dancing divas

Beauty Bar, 1444 W. Chicago Ave. 312-226-8828

Put on your dancing shoes for Chicagoist's monthly dance party, CMD+SHIFT+DANCE. House music specialist Hernan Sanchez DJs at the Ukrainian Village hot spot. 10 p.m. No cover.

For vinyl vixens

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For Cinco de Mayo early birds

Cactus Bar & Grill, 404 S. Wells St. 312-922-3830

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Got some serious skills with a camera? Show us! Each week RedEye picks a theme, and then we post our favorite submissions on our blog. Here is our latest installment.

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Capture a photo with the theme "big."

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LAST WEEK'S WINNER

Theme: Short Title: "Walking With Giants" Photographer: Cyndi Stewart, 40, Buena Park



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TODAY'S FORECAST

Maybe we should move the city south a bit



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Good riddance, April



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President Obama released a long form version of his birth certificate Wednesday, after extended criticism from those who do not believe he was born in the U.S.

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'SILLINESS'

OBAMA FIRES BACK AT DOUBTERS BY RELEASING BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Chicago Tribune

Declaring that he and the country have "better stuff to do" than fight about where he was born, President Obama on Wednesday morning released his long-form Hawaii birth certificate and asked that the "sideshows and carnival barkers" stop raising the issue.

Even as he stood before reporters to make the surprise announcement, Obama said he believed there would be a "segment of people" for whom the full document is not enough to settle the issue.

But he said he was speaking to the "vast majority of Americans" and to the media in asking that they turn their focus to other issues, particularly the contentious budget talks in the weeks to come.

Obama said he finally decided to distribute the document after all this time because, during intense budget talks a few weeks ago, the "dominant news story" was his birth certificate.

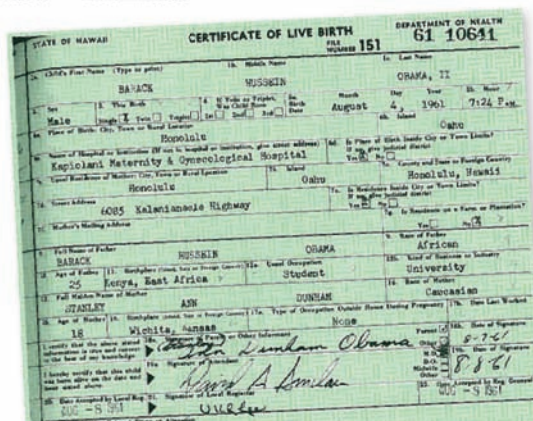
"We've got enormous challenges ahead of us," he said. "We have to make a series of very difficult decisions about how we invest in our future but also get ahold of the deficit and debt," he said. "But we're not going to be able to do it if we are distracted. We're not going to be able to do it if we spend time vilifying each other. We're not going to be able to do it if we just make stuff up and pretend that facts are not facts. We're not going to be able to solve our problems if we get distracted by sideshows and carnival barkers."

Donald Trump's focus on the issue in particular has driven the media cycle for weeks, as he shot to the top of national polls among Republican presidential candidates. Trump spoke from New Hampshire just before the president delivered his remarks, taking credit for the White House's decision to release this additional information.

Obama did not mention Trump by name. But White House officials acknowledged the role the so-called birther debate was having in presidential politics.

The president said he hoped the issue would have been settled in 2008, when his campaign released a shorter Certification of Live Birth. Since then he has watched "with bemusement" as the controversy lingered.

"I have been puzzled at the degree to which this thing just kept on going," he said. "We do not have time for this kind of silliness."



Trump seizes chance to puff out his chest



Trump

Chicago Tribune

Speaking to reporters in New Hampshire on Wednesday, Donald Trump took credit for President Obama's decision to make his long-form birth certificate public, saying he was "proud" of his efforts.

"Today I'm very proud of myself, because I've accomplished something that no one else has been able to accomplish," Trump said, according to NBC News. "I want to look at it, but I hope it's true. ... But he should have done it a long time ago."

Trump suggested to the media that experts would need to verify the authenticity of the birth certificate.

In his remarks at the White House, the president never explicitly referenced the real-estate mogul, who has been on a media crusade in recent weeks reviving the supposed issue over the president's origins, but when Obama said the nation's problems were too critical for the American people and the media to be "distracted by sideshows and carnival barkers" there was little doubt whom he meant.

Also jumping in the fray: Sarah Palin, who tweeted, "Media, admit it. Trump forced the issue."

And next up for Trump? He told the Associated Press earlier this week that he wants to probe the president's education background. Obama attended Occidental College in Los Angeles before moving on to Columbia University and then Harvard Law School.

"I heard he was a terrible student, terrible. How does a bad student go to Columbia and then to Harvard?" Trump said. "I'm thinking about it, I'm certainly looking into it. Let him show his records."

Daley has Obama's ear during 'Oprah' visit

Chicago Tribune

President Obama says he was treated to "about 30 ideas" on improving Chicago as he traveled with Mayor Daley to a taping of "Oprah" on Wednesday.

"I'm skeptical he's going to be taking a lot of time off," Obama said, noting that Daley talked about everything from how to get rid of rats to how to start beehives and get children bicycles.

Earlier, Daley sat in the front row as Obama and his wife, Michelle, taped Oprah's show from noon until about 1:10 p.m.

After the taping, backstage in a hallway, Obama presented Daley with an 1834 surveyor's map of the city of Chicago from the National Archives, framed with a note that said, "Thank you for making a great American city a great world city."

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Reduce, recycle, use paper plates

Recycle everything you can, reuse it all before you do, and keep a steady eye on your carbon footprint. But, for goodness' sake, when life is kicking your butt, treat yourself to a nice package of paper plates.

Perhaps I've grown unimaginative, but I can't think of anything more indulgent in these lean, worrisome times than eating off a quality paper plate, or three or four, if they're too hard to separate.

No dishes to wash, no being greeted in the morning with the remains of last night's dinner party. Just eat your food and toss your plate out the window.

We have two sets at our home: There's the standard-issue stack made of bright-white paper coated with poisonous but, when microwaved, tasty chemicals.

And then when we have people over, we break out the fine paper. Sturdy, deep, a natural hue. I can't tell you how many times guests—from relatives to heads of state—have complimented us on our choice in paper dishware. Certainly, if we could do it all again, we'd have registered for our wedding at Dominick's and not at Crate & Barrel.

Years ago in this space, I demonstrated through complicated math and shoddy reasoning that it's cheaper to always purchase new socks rather than ever wash your old ones.

The same applies here. Let's say you spend \$139 per five-piece Vera Wang Dinnerware fine-china set, which, according to Macy's website, weds romance with modern sensibility. Let's say you get eight settings, because you want to have four extra sets you'll never use. That's \$1,112. For plates.

Do you know how long it would take to spend \$1,112 on plates made from sweet paper? You can get 300 solid paper plates you'll be proud to eat off for about \$36. That's about 12 cents a plate. That's about free.

In other words, you could buy 9,266 plates for the price of your new sets from Vera Wang, whose mind was preoccupied with wedding dresses the whole time she made them.

So, if you have four people in your home and eat at home six nights a week, that's 2,316.5 plates per person—or about seven years of meals. And we haven't even discussed the savings on dish soap, a commodity experts forecast will be the next crude oil.

And that brings us back to the environment. We don't have an unlimited supply of paper. It doesn't grow on ... er, maybe we do have an unlimited supply. Still, remember, paper plates are for those times when you want to pamper yourself, to live like Prince William and Kate.

Plus, you can offset your paper plate use by making sure you buy ones made of mostly postconsumer materials, or chewing and savoring your food but not swallowing it and then letting someone else at the table chew it. **MARK BAZER IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**



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Brush up on royal minutiae before Kate & Will's big day

RedEye

It's kind of a big deal.

More than a quarter of the world's population—2 billion people—is expected to watch broadcasts of the royal wedding between Prince William and Kate Middleton on Friday in London.

That's according to a spokesman for British Prime Minister David Cameron, who made the announcement last week and cited U.S. Census Bureau figures that estimate the world's population at 6.9 billion. Wall-to-wall coverage is planned for the networks and the cable channels. Many have been dispensing a steady flow of coverage in the weeks and months leading up to what England's culture secretary is calling "a major global event."

While not everyone is enamored—a 60 Minutes/Vanity Fair poll released in December found that three-fourths of Americans younger than 30 don't give a hoot about it—the media deluge is unavoidable. So, just in case you missed (or willfully ignored) any of it, here's an A-Z refresher on what's going down at London's Westminster Abbey on Friday. Kickoff is 5 a.m. Chicago time.

A

April showers

Overcast conditions are expected on William and Kate's big day. But for the royal couple, tradition holds that showers on one's wedding day are a good omen.

B

Buckingham Palace

That's where William, Kate and their families will go after the wedding ceremony for a public appearance.



H

Harry

Twenty-six-year-old Henry of Wales—aka Prince Harry—is William's younger brother and third in line to the throne.



I

Invites

Foreign royals, dignitaries, church leaders and celebrities all have been invited to the royal wedding. Among them: Elton John, David and Victoria Beckham, and director Guy Richie. More than 2,000 guests are expected.



J

Johnson

London Mayor Boris Johnson reportedly will

present William and Kate with a gift that combines his eccentric approach to politics with his obsession with cycling: a two-seater based on the design of the capital's bicycles.

K

King

Duh. That's the position William stands to inherit following his father, Prince Charles of Wales.



P

Peal

The prolonged ringing of bells that will

follow William and Kate's wedding. The 10 bells of London's Westminster Abbey will chime for more than three hours. A peal of this length is rung only on special royal or national occasions.

Q

Queen Elizabeth

The queen decides which members of her family are accorded the status of members of the royal family.



R

Rhododendron

One of the many seasonal British plants sourced from royal estates to be used in the wedding decorations. The plants, which are sustainable rather than cut, also will include azaleas, wisteria and lilac.



S

Scotland Yard

More than 5,000 people from the police agency will aid in the security operation surrounding William and Kate's wedding. Up to 80 undercover teams will be assigned to protect the 2,000 guests.

T

Toasts

About 5,500 street parties will be held across Britain to toast William and Kate's wedding, although the royal nuptials appear to have failed to excite locals in east London, according to permits filed.



C

Critics

Critics in the press once nicknamed

Kate, who met William more than a decade ago, "Waity Katie" during their extended courtship. They accused her of doing little with her life beyond waiting for William to propose.

D

Diana

William was 15 when Diana,

Princess of Wales, was killed in a car crash in Paris in 1997. William and his younger brother, Prince Harry, walked behind their mother's funeral procession in London.



E

Eldest

The eldest of three, Catherine Middleton was born Jan. 9, 1982, in Berkshire, west of London. She met William at St. Andrews University in Scotland in 2001.

F

Facebook

A Buckingham Palace guard was kicked off royal wedding duty this month because of offensive posts on his Facebook page. British media reported that the guard called Kate a "stupid stuck-up cow."



G

Grey Escort

The gray horses of the London police force's Mounted Branch

have led royal processions for many years and will be present at William and Kate's ceremonies. They are known as "The Grey Escort."



L

London

Where all the action will go down on William and Kate's big day.



M

Middle-class

Kate was born into a middle-class family. Her father worked as a pilot and her mother as a flight attendant before they created a successful mail-order business selling party supplies.

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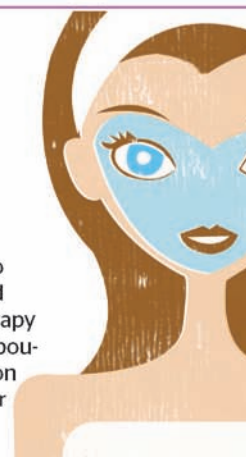
November

That's when William and Kate announced their engagement to the world last year. She wore a blue dress.

O

Oxygen Therapy

Kate reportedly treated herself to something called the Oxygen Therapy facial (\$135) at a boutique beauty salon in preparation for the big day.



U

U.S. media

Many networks will be covering Friday's events around the clock. CNN's coverage, for example, begins at 5 a.m. Chicago time.

V

Viewers

By one estimate, more than 2 billion people around the world are expected to tune in to the wedding ceremony, according to a spokesperson for Prime Minister David Cameron.

W

Windsor

At the height of World War

I, the House of Windsor came into being, when the name was adopted as the British Royal Family's official name by a proclamation of King George V.



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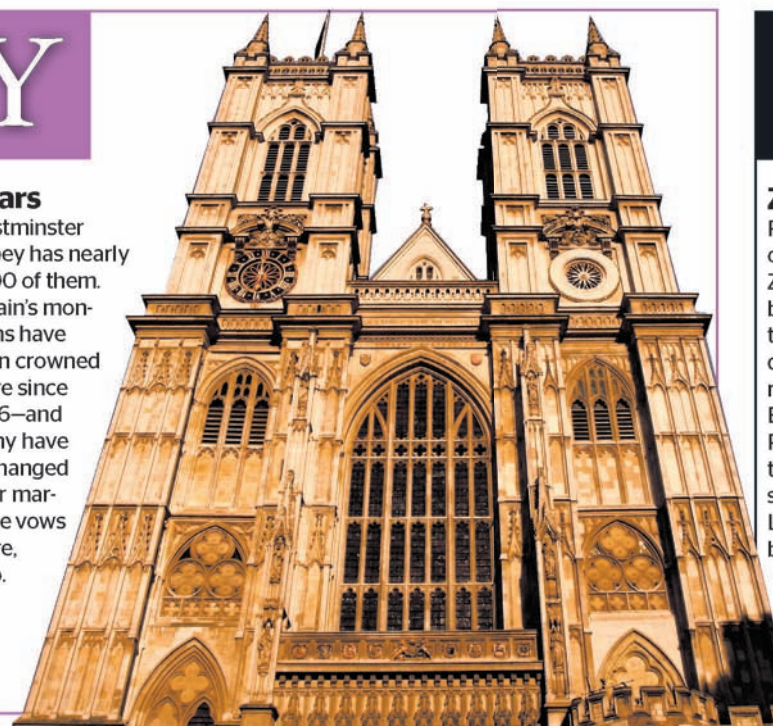
X-rated

Among the many, many souvenirs and collectibles being sold in the lead-up to William and Kate's wedding are the Crown Jewels royal wedding commemorative condoms (\$8 online).

Y

Years

Westminster Abbey has nearly 1,000 of them. Britain's monarchs have been crowned there since 1066—and many have exchanged their marriage vows there, too.



Z

Zimbabwe

Representatives of Iran and Zimbabwe have been invited to the wedding despite strained relations with Britain in the past. Protocol dictates that all ambassadors based in London should be invited unless there is a diplomatic problem.

REUTERS, CNN



The image features three Bud Light beer bottles, heavily condensation-covered, splashing in water. The bottles are arranged diagonally from the top left to the bottom right. The labels are clearly visible, showing the 'BUD LIGHT BEER' logo and 'SUPERIOR DRINKABILITY' text. The background is a bright blue sky. The bottom of the image transitions into a dark blue area with white text and a logo.

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The soaking city

Sloppy April nears Chicago's rainy day record set in 1961

Chicago Tribune

Feel like it's rained almost every day this month?

You're right.

By Wednesday, a measurable amount of rain had fallen on a total of 16 days this month. That means April has had more rainy days than any Chicago April since 1961, which logged 17 days. Trace amounts of rain have fallen three other days, meaning it actually has rained a total of 19 days.

Overall, 4.56 inches of rain has fallen on the Chicago area between April 1 and 26,

National Weather Service meteorologist Stephen Rodriguez said. About 70 percent of the days this April have seen some rainfall.

"It has definitely been soggy," Rodriguez said. "All across the area it has been a gloomy and rainy month thus far."

The last time Chicago had this much rain was in April 2000, when the area got 5.10 inches. It's unlikely this month will beat the record of 8.33 inches set in April 1947.

Statewide, the average rainfall is coming close to hitting the April record of 7.13

inches set in 1957, said Jim Angel, the Illinois state climatologist.

As of Wednesday, the state average rainfall was just shy of 7 inches, at 6.98 inches. That average has swelled as high rainfalls were tallied in southern Illinois, which in some areas has seen 10 or 12 inches of rain this month, he said.

The National Weather Service's long-term forecast predicts below-average temperatures and above-average rainfall for the next three months in the Chicago area, although May is expected to be average.

Teen charged in boy's shooting at elementary school

A 14-year-old boy was charged Wednesday just a day after police said he shot a 12-year-old boy the day prior outside the victim's South Side neighborhood school.

The shooting took place at about 2:45

p.m. at Cook Elementary School, 8150 S. Bishop St. The victim was shot in the back and rushed to a hospital in serious condition, police said.

The boy, whose name was being with-

held because he's a juvenile, was cited in a juvenile delinquency petition with one count of aggravated battery with a firearm and one count of attempted first-degree murder, according to police. **TRIBUNE**



Empire Carpet Man dies at 89

Chicago Tribune

Lynn Hauldren, 89, the advertising copywriter who became the inspiration for the Empire Carpet Man in the 1970s and helped launch the company's signature jingle into national recognition, died Tuesday, according to an Empire spokesperson.

Hauldren rose to become an advertising icon, as the person who wrote the jingle that accompanies the company's famous phone number, and often delivered it with style: "Five-eight-eight, two-three-hundred ... Empire."

"Lynn was truly passionate about the Empire brand," said Steve Silvers, chief executive officer for Empire.

"He has made an indelible mark on advertising history with his creativity and warmth. Lynn will always have a special place in the hearts of many. Our thoughts are with his family during this time."

The company's owner during the time requested that Hauldren serve as the on-air talent for the spots after unsuccessfully auditioning several other people for the role. This decision launched him into pop culture stardom. Hauldren went on to serve as the inspiration for today's Empire Today brand. He helped launch the signature jingle into advertising history as one of the nation's most popular jingles.

In a 1997 interview with the Tribune, Hauldren commented on how the commercials transformed him into a celebrity.

"People are good-natured," he told the Tribune, "but once in a while they'll grab at you and say, 'Here's that carpet dude!' or 'Hey! Aren't you somebody?' I always hope folks understand I'm not a celebrity. I'm just a TV pitchman, a glorified salesman."

DID YOU KNOW?

Hauldren was known as a key singer in the barbershop quartet arena, recording several albums with the quartet Chordiac Arrest and a vocal ensemble called Chicago Natural Gas.



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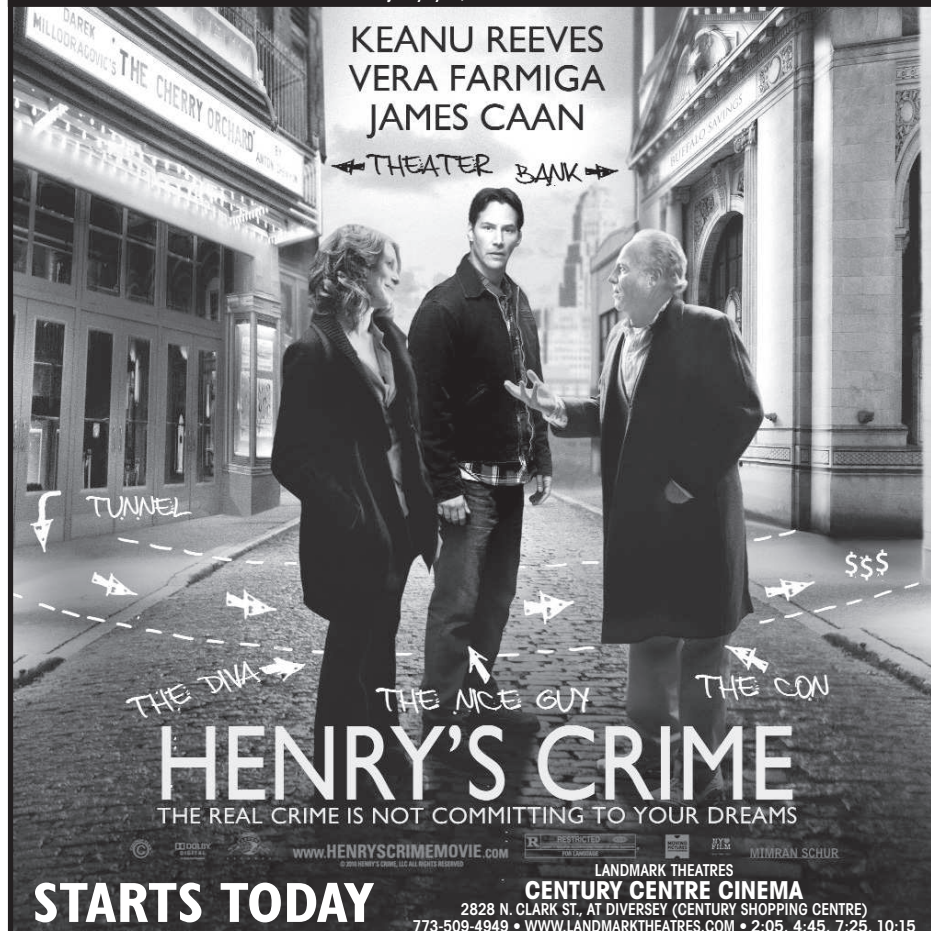
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The Rev. Michael Pfleger
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Activist priest suspended

Chicago Tribune

Citing what he called threats from the Rev. Michael Pfleger to leave the church, Cardinal Francis George has removed the outspoken priest from St. Sabina parish and has suspended his "sacramental faculties as a priest."

Pfleger had publicly feuded with the cardinal about possibly being reassigned to Leo High School, telling a radio show recently that he would look outside the Catholic church if offered no other choice.

"With this letter, your ministry as pastor of Saint Sabina Parish and your sacramental faculties as a priest of the Archdiocese are

suspended," the cardinal wrote.

The cardinal ended the letter by saying, "This conflict is not between you and me; it's between you and the Church that ordained you a priest, between you and the faith that introduced you to Christ and gives you the right to preach and pastor in his name. If you now formally leave the Catholic Church and her priesthood, it's your choice and no one else's. You are not a victim of anyone or anything other than your own statements."

During the flap over his possible assignment to Leo, Pfleger appeared on the "Smiley & West" public radio program and

said he had been banned from speaking at events in the archdiocese and blamed pressure from conservative Catholics and the National Rifle Association for his most recent clash with George.

"I want to try to stay in the Catholic Church," Pfleger said. "If they say 'You either take this principalship of [Leo High] or pastorship there or leave,' then I'll have to look outside the church."

"I believe my calling is to be a pastor. I believe my calling is to be a voice for justice. I believe my calling is to preach the Gospel. In or out of the church, I'm going to continue to do that."

Blago trial no match for Oprah show taping

Chicago Tribune

A prospective juror who begged off the retrial of Rod Blagojevich by complaining that she had a ticket to one of the final tapings of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" got her wish Wednesday as the judge overseeing the case moved to within a day of seating a panel to weigh the evidence against the former governor.

Prosecutors and defense lawyers agreed to drop the woman known as Juror 137 without any public discussion of her alleged

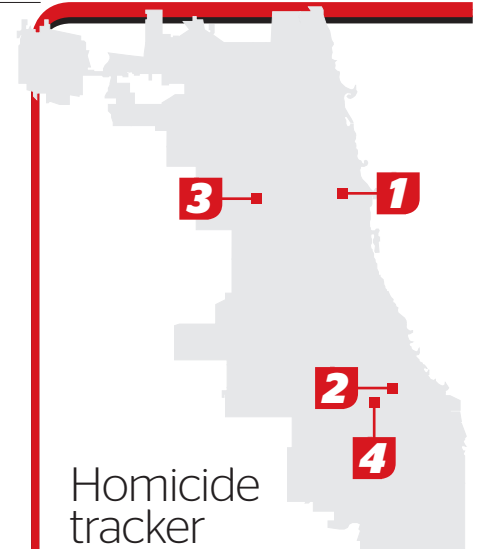
hardship, but Blagojevich had something to say as he left the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse.

He said he envied the woman for not having to be at his second trial and noted that he once considered giving Oprah the U.S. Senate seat that he stands accused of trying to sell. He then was asked by a reporter whether he thought the woman had a golden ticket to get out of jury service.

"No, I would say effing golden," joked Blagojevich, using the most notorious sound bite from the undercover recordings

of him allegedly trying to collect campaign money or a Cabinet post for the seat, which had been vacated by Barack Obama's election as president in 2008.

Opening statements in the retrial should be given Monday after U.S. District Judge James Zagel, prosecutors and the defense finished a fourth day of questioning prospective jurors individually in court. By the end of Wednesday, more than 40 people had cleared an initial round of screening, the judge said.



Homicide tracker

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Chatham saw two homicides in two days this week, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

An 18-year-old man was shot to death Tuesday in the 800 block of East 82nd Street, police said. On Sunday, a 20-year-old man was fatally shot in the 7900 block of South Greenwood Avenue, according to officials.

Chatham has recorded six homicides so far this year, according to RedEye data. The community area logged 10 homicides last year, RedEye determined.

Citywide, gunshot homicides were recorded in East Garfield Park and the Near North Side in the last week, RedEye found.

Twenty-five homicides have been recorded so far in April, according to RedEye data. Forty-seven homicides were recorded in April 2010, RedEye determined. TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM

Homicides from April 20 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday; all locations had one victim.

1 500 BLOCK OF W. SUPERIOR ST.
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Date: April 24 Cause: Gunshot

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Date: April 25 Cause: Gunshot

4 800 BLOCK OF E. 82ND ST.
Date: April 26 Cause: Gunshot

Off-duty cop shoots suspect

An off-duty Chicago police officer shot and wounded a man after he witnessed an armed robbery on the West Side on Wednesday morning, police said. The incident happened in a backyard in the 1800 block of South Komensky Avenue.

Suspicious package in Loop

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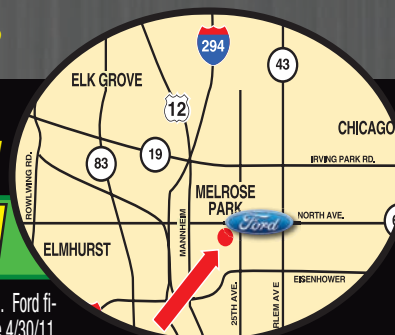
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Apple: We're not tracking

After a week of silence, Apple on Wednesday responded to widespread complaints about iPhones and iPads tracking their users' whereabouts by saying "the iPhone is not logging your location" and announcing an upcoming mobile software update.

**No condemnation of Syria**

China and Russia on Wednesday led opposition that blocked an initiative by the U.S. and its European allies for the U.N. Security Council to condemn the Syrian government's attacks on peaceful protesters.

Travel warning for Mexico

The U.S. State Department has broadened its travel warning for Mexico, advising citizens to avoid certain areas and steer clear of driving at night. The new alert, issued late last week, urges Americans to defer nonessential travel in regions where drug-related violence has surged.

9 killed in Afghanistan

Eight U.S. service members and an American civilian contractor were killed Wednesday in a shooting at an Afghan air force compound in Kabul, officials said. The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan said an Afghan military pilot opened fire on international troops, sparking a "gunfight."

PlayStation problems

Sony could face legal action across the globe after it belatedly revealed one of the biggest online data breaches ever. Several members of Congress seized on the breach, in which hackers stole names, addresses and possibly credit card details from users of Sony's PlayStation Network, to push for tougher laws protecting personal information.

Tornado warnings were issued Wednesday in Lexington, Ky., after strong storms swept through the region. **mcr**



KILLER STORMS

AT LEAST 39 DEAD AFTER SEVERE WEATHER PUMMELS SOUTH

Severe storms ripped through parts of the South on Wednesday, cutting a path of destruction from Texas to Tennessee that left at least 39 people dead in the region and damaged an untold number of homes and businesses, authorities said.

Even as officials assessed damage across the region, forecasters said another powerful storm packing high winds and the possibility of tornadoes was bearing down on portions of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and eastern Tennessee.

"This has been a very serious and deadly event that's affected our state, and it's not over yet," Alabama Gov. Robert Brantley

said Wednesday evening.

At least 25 people died across the state Wednesday as a result of severe storms and tornadoes, emergency management director Art Faulkner said. The National Guard dispatched hundreds of personnel to some of the state's hardest-hit areas.

An apparent tornado knocked down trees, ripped off roofs and reportedly trapped people in their homes in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Sgt. Andy Norris of the Tuscaloosa Sheriff's Department said.

Video from CNN affiliates there showed a massive funnel cloud darkening the sky as it approached.

"It literally obliterated blocks and blocks of the city," Mayor Walter Maddox said, noting that National Guard units would be deployed there Thursday.

Earlier Wednesday, a tornado was believed to have struck the northern Alabama community of Cullman, damaging a hospital, ripping the roof off the courthouse and pummeling a number of residences, authorities said.

Mayor Max Thompson said it appeared a tornado touched down on the west side of Cullman and then cut through the heart of the city, which has about 15,000 residents.



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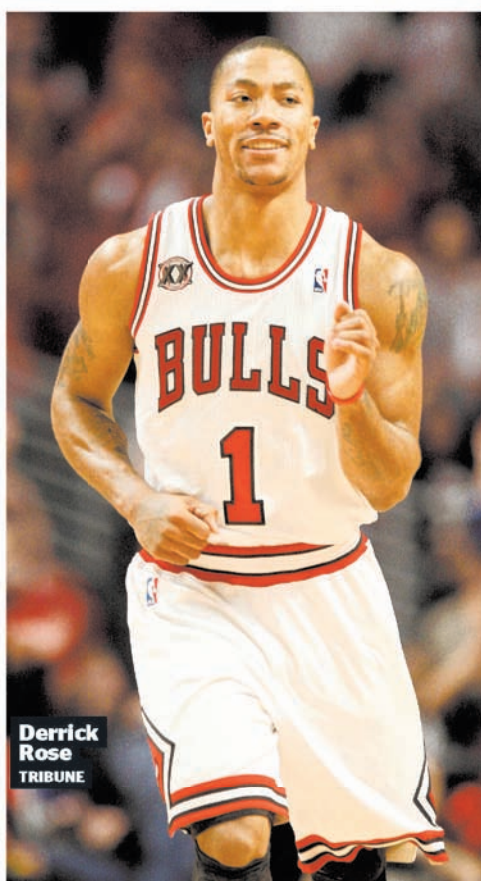
Blackhawks are done, but their fans might see a lot to like in the Bulls

RedEye

Blackhawks fans, the reigning Stanley Cup champs might be out of the playoffs, but that doesn't mean you have to be too. The Hawks' United Center roommates, the Bulls, are alive and well—and many think they'll make a run to a title too. Besides their UC digs, the teams have other similarities. With that said, here are some things Blackhawks fans might see to their liking in the 2011 Bulls.



Jonathan Toews
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Derrick Rose
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VETERAN WITH HIGH HOPES

BLACKHAWKS: Marian Hossa was signed in the offseason before the Blackhawks' Stanley Cup-winning season and was expected to help the team win its first title since 1961.

BULLS: Carlos Boozer was signed in the offseason after the Bulls were spurned by free agents Dwyane Wade, LeBron James and Chris Bosh. He's expected to help the team win its first title since 1998.

THEY PLAY D TOO

BLACKHAWKS: Duncan Keith and Brent Seabrook are two of the top defensemen in the NHL, providing key offense—they were fifth and sixth in points for the Hawks this year—along with their D.

BULLS: Luol Deng and Noah just finished 10th and 15th, respectively, in NBA defensive player of the year voting, but they also do plenty of damage on offense.

AWESOME YOUNG STARS

BLACKHAWKS: Jonathan Toews, just announced as a finalist for the Frank Selke Trophy, is one of the best centers in the league. He won the Conn Smythe Trophy for most valuable player in last year's Stanley Cup finals.

BULLS: Derrick Rose, already a NBA rookie of the year winner, is one of the best point guards in the league. He is widely considered to be the front-runner for the league's MVP award.



REBELLIOUS WILD MAN

BLACKHAWKS: Patrick Kane sports the mullet in the playoffs, gets caught in, um, compromising situations and often is in the headlines for more than his play on the ice.

BULLS: Joakim Noah sports the Sideshow Bob-like hair, has had run-ins with "the man" and often is—mostly was—in the headlines for more than his play on the court.

SPINE-TINGLING PREGAME RITUAL

BLACKHAWKS: The national anthem sung by Jim Cornelison is perhaps the top gotta-experience-it-live-at-least-once moment in Chicago sports. Nothing compares.

BULLS: The running-of-the-bulls-through-the-city-streets video and player introductions can make the hair on your neck stand on end. Trivia: The music that plays along with player intros is "Sirius" by the Alan Parsons Project.

FULL O'BULL

A ROUNDUP OF
PLAYOFF NEWS AND NOTES

DIRTY IS AS DIRTY DOES

Some Pacers players called Bulls center Joakim Noah a dirty player after Tuesday's game, especially Danny Granger. "Everyone knows in the league that there's not one bone on him that's dirty," Luol Deng said. "He just plays with a lot of intensity." And Deng should know. He was the recipient of an elbow-slam to the head from Jeff Foster.

DID YOU SEE THAT?

Bulls fans no doubt liked what they saw Tuesday when the Bulls eliminated the Pacers from the playoffs. And there were record numbers of them watching. Comcast SportsNet posted its second-highest Bulls telecast ever with 382,834 households watching Tuesday's Game 5.

QUOTABULL

“We’re not going to change anything. Thibs said we have the same habits all year, including the playoffs. I know Boozer is going to step back up. He’s an All-Star.”

—Bulls forward Taj Gibson on Carlos Boozer, who has struggled in the playoffs so far.

THE DIGIT

14 Three-pointers the Bulls hit in Game 5, a record for the franchise in the playoffs.

NBA SCOREBOARD

» Miami 97, Philadelphia 91. Heat win series 4-1.

» San Antonio 110, Memphis 103. Grizzlies lead series 3-2.

» Oklahoma City vs. Denver, late. Thunder lead series 3-1.

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Game 3: Bulls at Atlanta/Orlando, May 6 ESPN

Game 4: Bulls at Atlanta/Orlando, May 8 TBD

Game 5: Atlanta/Orlando at Bulls, May 10 TNT*

Game 6: Bulls at Atlanta/Orlando, May 12 ESPN*

Game 7: Atlanta/Orlando at Bulls, May 15 TNT*

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Giant step

Derrick Rose's ankle appears to be fine, but we're not fine until you join us by answering questions at redeychicago.com/sports.



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| 1 | So, how do you think Derrick Rose's ankle is feeling now? | Way better than the Pacers' pride, that's for sure. | Better question: How do you think the Pacers are feeling on their couches right now? | I don't think ankles understand the concept of winning, but it's huge that the man's feeling better. | Winning's always the best medicine. | He's not quite ready for Kustok's heels. |
| 2 | What should the Bulls practice religiously before Round 2? | The John Scott choke slam. | Relaxation. Rest and relaxation. And perimeter defense. | Take a nap every day, wash before you eat, hold hands, stick together, look before you cross the street. | Practice? Give 'em a few days off. | One foot in front of the other. |
| 3 | What's your advice to Carlos Boozer? | Find a way to grow a few inches, or get them to lower the rim. It'll help with the dunking. | Do like the good gents in Surfer Blood and "Take it Easy." Yep, Surfer Blood. #solongstreetcred | If someone asks, "Want to buy sushi from the trunk of my car?" take a pass. Uh, so I've heard. | Keep loving the Bench Mob. | As a basketball fan, the only stat I know is the "W." |
| 4 | What went wrong for the Blackhawks in Game 7? | Perhaps they weren't Buff enough. | Just a tough break. Corey Crawford deserves a Heisman though. And a Latin Grammy too. | One mistake is all it takes. Just like a chef at Ron of Japan. | Roberto Luongo actually made some saves. | Nothing ... for Corey Crawford. Sweet saves. Bummer to go out like that. |
| 5 | Have the White Sox found their closer in Sergio Santos? | For now. But Derrick Rose gets the job as soon as Bulls season is over. | I'll ask that you refer to him by his full name: Sergio "El guapo galactico jefe O' Donnell" Santos, please. | Reminder: Me. Cubs. End of story. | Two years pitching and he's already this good? You better believe it. | Nothing is certain until Ozzie tweets it. |

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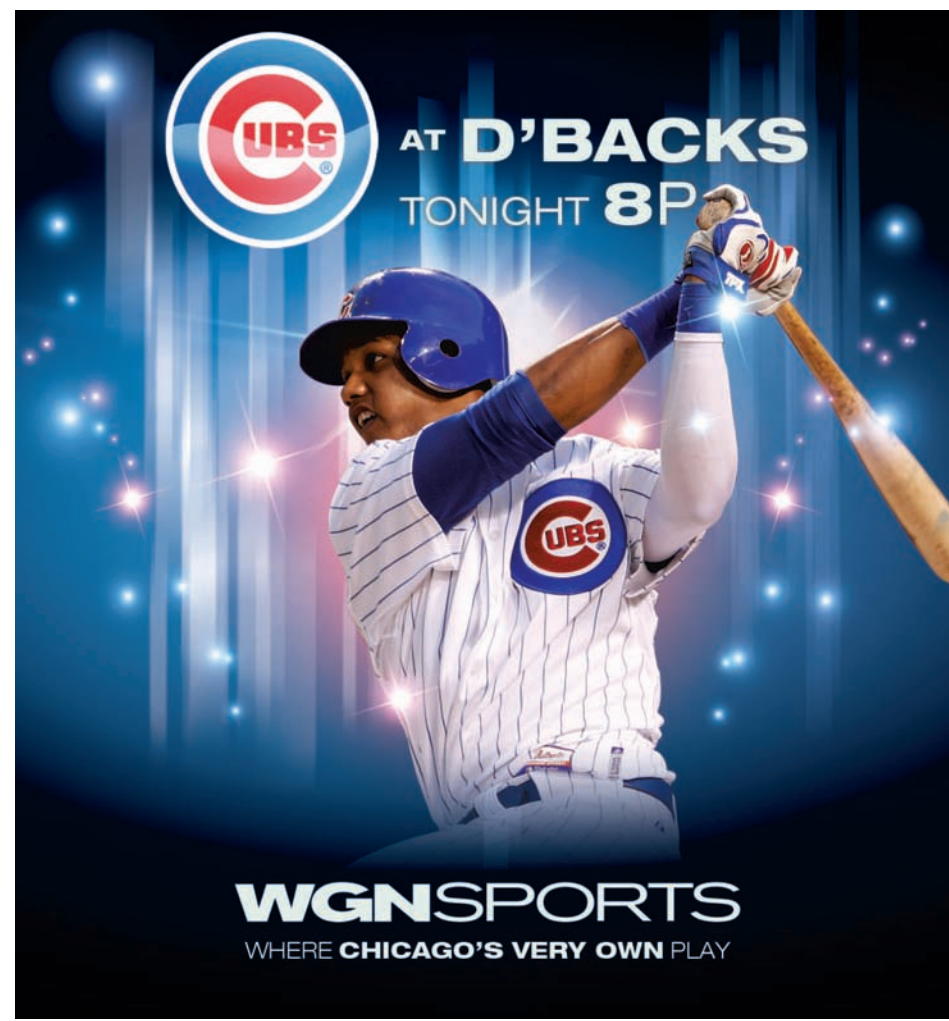
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It's over, and it's over. Thank goodness, and thank goodness.

First, the good. The Bulls. Thanks for doing away with a worthless Indiana team. Let's be clear. This is not a talented team. They relied on thuggery to get them this far, and that's it. Oh, so they won one game. Big deal. At least the old Pacers had Reggie Miller and other

guys who were fun to watch. These games have been unwatchable.

Except for the Bulls, of course. I'm not sure what's gotten into Joakim Noah, but here's an idea: Let's do all we can do to get his grandfather on the payroll. Good-looking, older gentleman, looks like he knows the game. Maybe an assistant? A trainer perhaps? For that matter, let's get everyone's grandfather, especially if they're living, on the payroll. It's a family affair, and we'll need all the help we can get. Note to Carlos Boozer: You're banned from taking 3s; no hot sauce for you.

The other "over." Yes, the Blackhawks. You know, I'm glad. For them to stretch this thing out, taxing me on a daily basis, I don't need the strain (I just lied right there). Sure I wanted more! I was banking on 10 more titles! But, I like the young guys—and I don't mean the stars. Guys like Ben Smith, Bryan Bickell. Also Corey Crawford. He's tough, and he's ours—for a long time. But, this title celebration was too short.

How about this for another "over." The White Sox stink. They're lucky other stuff is going on, because they personify underachievement. They've gotten a pass for too long because of the title (six years ago!), but there's no way they should be this bad.



Blackhawks goalie Corey Crawford skates off the ice Tuesday after a 2-1 loss to Vancouver in overtime in Game 7. SCOTT STRAZZANTE/TRIBUNE

The Cubs, on the other hand, should always be this bad. A new anecdote, given by a friend: Just pretend they're a minor-league

team trying to compete at the major-league level. It's more tolerable that way.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

» Cleveland running back Peyton Hillis will grace the cover of "Madden NFL 12" after winning a fan vote over Philadelphia quarterback Michael Vick. Cue the "Madden" curse injury in 3, 2, 1 ...

» Centers Jonathan Toews of the Blackhawks, Ryan Kesler of Vancouver and Pavel Datsyuk of Detroit are the three finalists for the 2010-11 Frank Selke Trophy, given "to the forward who best excels in the defensive aspects of the game." The winner will be announced June 22.

GAME PLANNER

- » White Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05 p.m. CSN
- » Cubs at Arizona, 8:40 p.m. WGN
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DIY Dark Lord Day

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CHECK OUT**

By Karl Klockars

Saturday's kind of a holiday among craft beer aficionados. They're gearing up for the one-day-only release of that most sought-after of super stouts: Three Floyds' Dark Lord. The Russian imperial stout is always strong, complex, hefty, high in alcohol—and really freaking hard to get.

If you're not familiar with Dark Lord Day, tickets for the festival sell out in minutes in a mad Internet rush. Those who score tickets have the opportunity to visit beautiful Munster, Ind., hang out in a parking lot with other Dark

Lord devotees and wait (sometimes for hours) to purchase their allotment of beer for the year.

Sounds stressful, but brew fans seem to like the adventure. Dark Lord Day has become a destination to swap craft beer, share home-brew and generally consume alcohol with other like-minded folks. For those who don't dig on that scene—or didn't get tickets—we've got other stouts for you. If you're in the mood for a huge beer without the legwork, here are a few you can get without as much trouble.



Goose Island's Big John imperial stout

Get it at: Goose Island Brewpub (1800 N. Clybourn Ave. 312-915-0071)

Still in shock from the news of Goose Island's buy-out by Anheuser-Busch? Calm your nerves at Goose Island's Clybourn Avenue brewpub—not part of the \$38.8 million deal. Combine Goose's collective brilliance at stout beers (the various Bourbon County offerings, Nightstalker, the soon-to-return oatmeal stout) with a huge chocolate rush of cocoa nibs and Big John will take away the pain of missing Dark Lord Day.



Stone Brewing's imperial Russian stout

Get it at: Blokes & Birds (3343 N. Clark St. 773-472-5252)

Even though you don't have to drive to Indiana for it, this hefty beer does involve a little planning. Blokes & Birds managed to scrounge up the first keg of Stone's Imperial Russian Stout in Chicago, and will put it on draft May 2 in conjunction with a beer and cheese event. Various

Stone brews will be matched with eight cheeses, including a Trillium goat's milk that will be served alongside Stone's imperial Russian.

Pints will be poured for \$9, which sounds high until you do the math: At 10.8 percent alcohol by volume, it's like two beers in one glass.



Maria's Packaged Goods & Community Bar
JASON LITTLE FOR METROMIX

Founders Brewing's imperial stout

Get it at: Maria's Packaged Goods & Community Bar (960 W. 31st St. 773-890-0588)

Maria's has become a pretty dependable place to find Founders. Last year Maria's had one of the few barrels of Nemesis, Founders' highly anticipated barleywine. A Founders beer (or two) is nearly always on tap, and the Bridgeport bar has quickly become a destination for craft beer fans and local drinkers alike.

The Founders imperial stout fits all the requirements for the style: pitch-black color, huge ABV, gargantuan flavors of roast and malt and bitter and cocoa.

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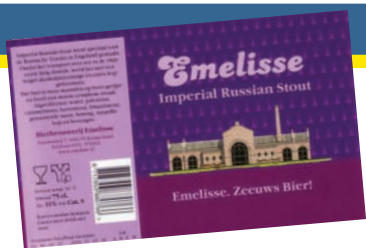
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Lil Jon
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Emelisse imperial Russian stout

Get it at: Bad Apple (4300 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-360-8406)

This one's a rare find, and Bad Apple knows it—it's \$7 for a 6-ounce pour. Still, it's worth it for a taste of a Russian imperial from a brewery that's actually closer to Mother Russia than any of our other offerings. Plus, Emelisse, from the Netherlands, rarely finds its way to tap-rooms in our neck of the woods.

Put this extreme (11 percent ABV) yet drinkable version alongside one of Bad Apple's storied burgers and a little snifter likely is all you'll need.

North Coast Old Rasputin imperial stout

Get it at: Owen & Engine (2700 N. Western Ave. 773-235-2930)

We were surprised to see such a big beer on tap at Brit-centric Owen & Engine, where ales, lagers and bitters come to mind. Then we remembered that it was the Brits themselves who started brewing Russian imperials with a huge ABV to keep the beer from freezing during the trip back east. Regardless, any space for Old Rasputin next to Old Speckled Hen and Wells Bombardier is just fine with us. If there's such a thing as an entry-level Russian imperial, this is the one. With a (relatively) low 9 percent ABV and a balanced mix of roasted flavors, Old Rasputin is much easier to kill than its namesake.



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On Saturday, we hopped over to Blue Frog 22, which has been refurbished and rechristened The Local. We caught up with some folks who were there to check out the new digs. —CRAIG SEYMOUR

Jay Tuohey
24, video editor



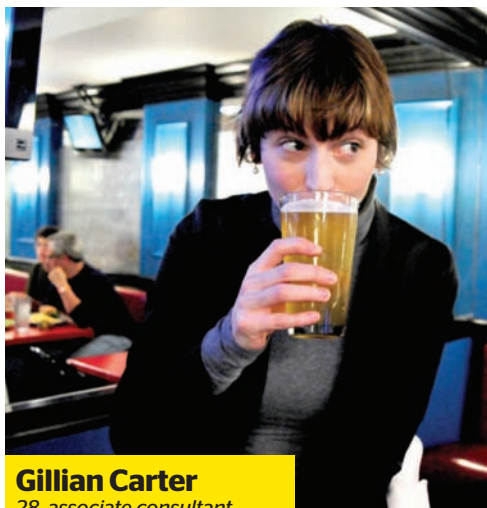
How about the renovations?
The renovations are amazing. Before, with all the board games on the wall, it was really a dive-ish kind of bar. But I really like what they've done. The color scheme is great, and

the industrial pictures of early Chicago are really great.

Whom would you recommend the bar to?
Tourists, I guess. But basically anybody who wants to go out

and have a good time. ... It's friendly. It's open.

What are you drinking?
Green Line by Goose Island. It's my first time having it to-night, and it's unbelievable.



Gillian Carter
28, associate consultant

What brings you out tonight?
Just checking out the new bar. I had been in once before when it was the Blue Frog.

How would you sum up the old bar vs. the new one?
It's a lot brighter here, and they've definitely changed the color palette. It looks a lot more upscale. I think it will be great place to come after work. It's right on the nice Hubbard Street block.

What did you have to eat tonight?
A bunch of fried stuff. It was fantastic.

Julia Farber
26, works in marketing



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The Aviary 955 W. Fulton Market (No phone yet)

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Radiant Devices

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Chicago rockers Radiant Devices answered our Chi-Tunes questionnaire at metromix.com. Do the same and your band could appear in RedEye and Metromix.

What makes your live show great?

Well, we rock out hard on some unconventional instruments like propane tanks, metal springs and sheets, a satellite dish and a post driver!

Describe your sound in five words or less.

Electro-acoustic, post-punk grindcore

Tell us something random about the band, and why that's significant.

Our singer, Mojdeh, is fanatical about beards. She even blogs about facial hair on ChicagoNow. Significance? Her band members refuse to grow anything on their faces. Many suspect that it is this frustration that propels the band's creative writing process.

Whom would you want to work with, and with whom would you never work? Why?

It'd be awesome to work with That 1 Guy and collaborate on a song with some of that Magic Pipe action! Someday. Someday. We would never work with Ron Jeremy. Why would anybody? :)

If the band were a cartoon character, whom would it be and why?

["Invader Zim's"] Gir. Why? "T-U-N-A-A-A!"

What's the best album you've heard recently?

Malachai's "Return to the Ugly Side" is absolutely the best album released so far this year.

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Michael Scott (Steve Carell)
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THAT'S WHAT HE DID

These 16 funny moments prove 'The Office' won't be the same without zany boss Michael Scott

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Steve Carell's last episode of "The Office" will almost certainly be a tear-jerker, as Michael Scott bids goodbye to the only family he's really had as an adult to start a new life with Holly (Amy Ryan) in Colorado. Viewers will be saying goodbye as well; it will be hard to picture the show without the boss who's given us so many laughs over seven seasons.

'The Office'
8 p.m. Thursday,
NBC

But Michael also has given us a lot of reasons to cover our eyes in horror since the show premiered in March 2005 (which, to be fair, were often fall-off-the-couch funny as well). What follows are (in chronological order) 16 of the worst, most awkward, most good-lord-did-he-really-do-that moments in "Office" history, courtesy of one Michael Gary Scott.



'Diversity Day'

Season 1, Episode 2

Michael hijacking a meeting that he made happen was bad enough. The insulting impression of an Indian convenience-store owner in front of Kelly (earning him a justified slap in the face) was way worse—and also the first sign that this show might have a chance of following in its British predecessor's footsteps.



'The Injury'

Season 2, Episode 12

A tour de force of cringe, from Michael's makeshift bubble-wrap cast to trying to equate himself to the disabled building manager to not recognizing that Dwight has given himself a concussion in his haste to care for his boss/mentor/hero.



'Gay Witch Hunt'

Season 3, Episode 1

More than 100 episodes of "The Office" have aired since this one first did, but we still don't think we've seen a more uncomfortable conference-room moment than Michael kissing Oscar in an attempt to show his acceptance that Oscar's gay. Yikes.



'Diwali'

Season 3, Episode 6

Season 3 was a symphony of cover-your-eyes behavior from Michael. It began with this episode, in which Michael uses the occasion of Kelly inviting everyone to a Diwali celebration to propose to Carol (Nancy Walls Carell). Suffice to say it does not go as he planned.

'Back from Vacation'

Season 3, Episode 12

Always, always double-check your email recipients. And don't bring a steel drum to the office.



'Phyllis' Wedding'

Season 3, Episode 16

The height (or depth) of Michael's desperate desire to be the center of attention may have come in this episode, which results in him being thrown out of the reception after his godawful toast to Phyllis (Phyllis Smith) and Bob Vance (Robert R. Shafer). "Finding" Uncle Al redeemed him, but just barely.

'Safety Training'

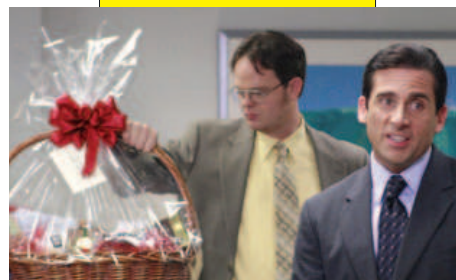
Season 3, Episode 20

Never mind the watermelon that landed on Stanley's car. Michael's would-be demonstration of the effects of depression was possibly one of his most ill-conceived ideas ever. As Jim said, "He's going to kill himself pretending to kill himself."

'Fun Run'

Season 4, episodes 1 and 2

Pam walks in on Michael changing his pants, which is something she (and we) can never unsee. And yes, he did say "come in."



'Dunder Mifflin Infinity'

Season 4, episodes 3 and 4

If your GPS told you to drive into a lake, would you? Even if you were sort of trying to make a point about the value of human interaction vs. the power of technology? Michael Scott would.

'The Deposition'

Season 4, Episode 12

An ill-timed "That's what she said" eventually gave way to Michael hanging Jan out to dry in her lawsuit against Dunder Mifflin. Sure, Jan's a little nuts, but that's probably not something you do to your girlfriend.

'Frame Toby'

Season 5, Episode 9

Still despondent over Holly's relocation to Nashua, Michael tries to get her back by performing the worst frame-up in the history of crime, planting "marijuana"—actually Caprese salad—in Toby's desk. Note to Mr. Scott: Weed does not smell like basil.



'Company Picnic'

Season 5, Episode 28

The reunion with Holly was lovely and featured one of Michael's more grown-up moments. But they still shouldn't have used a comedy skit to reveal that the Buffalo branch was closing.



'Gossip'

Season 6, Episode 1

Michael inadvertently reveals that Stanley has been having an affair. He spends the entire episode trying to cover his tracks (and stumbles into the news that Pam's pregnant), which is commendable if poorly thought out. But then he calls Stanley's wife, and, well, yeah.

'Scott's Tots'

Season 6, Episode 12

In our opinion, promising a group of kids free college educations, then utterly failing to deliver when the bill came due is hands down the worst thing Michael has ever done. We wondered for a good long time after this one whether Michael was redeemable at all.

'Happy Hour'

Season 6, Episode 21

Pam's friend Julie, say hello to Date Mike.

'Classy Christmas'

Season 7, episodes 11 and 12

He eventually made up for it, but his temper tantrum at finding out Holly was still with A.J. was pretty awful.





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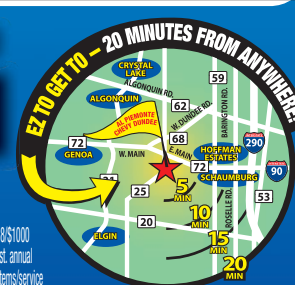
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What do celebs know about running a restaurant?

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Flavor Flav has tasted the bitter ... um ... flavor of defeat. The rapper's Clinton, Iowa, chicken joint, Flav's Fried Chicken, closed Sunday after four months of dishing up hot eats. Would the restaurant have fared better if Flav were in charge of the fryer? We might find out—TMZ reports he's inked a deal to open a place in Las Vegas. Can celebs actually create a decent place to eat? Let's check out the menus and find out.

SOURCES: PEOPLE.COM, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, EONLINE.COM, LOS ANGELES TIMES



Britney Spears

Restaurant: Nyla, in New York City
Cuisine: Though it originally featured Cajun-inspired fare (including Southern sushi, whatever that is), the eatery quickly revamped to Italian food.

» Nyla lasted less than six months, and was hit with several health code violations. Also, it served Southern sushi.



Dwyane Wade

Restaurant: D. Wade's Sports Grill, in Florida

Cuisine: Bar food, but slightly classier. Think Alaskan snow crab legs and a prime rib wrap. BUT, to make it sportier, the menu sections had titles such as "Role Play3rs" and "MVP Burg3rs."

» Not only did Wade open only two locations of his planned chain before it folded, he was sued for \$25 million in 2010 by his business partners for breach of contract. The case was settled, but yeeesh, it's just curly fries.



Eva Longoria

Restaurant: Beso, with locations in L.A. and Las Vegas

Cuisine: Latin steakhouse; the menu includes Eva's tortilla soup and a 40-ounce Porterhouse steak (perfect for two—because each person clearly needs more than a pound of meat).

» While Beso's parent company filed for bankruptcy earlier this year, both locations still are alive and kicking. The Vegas version was even voted the city's best new restaurant in 2009.



Justin Timberlake

Restaurant: Southern Hospitality BBQ, in New York City

Cuisine: Memphis-style barbecue, a nod to the singer/actor's Tennessee roots. The menu includes bacon mac 'n' cheese, and chicken and waffles.

» While we like the option to create your own large party prix fixe and win a guest bartending spot, this place looks a little, how you say ... tacky.



Ryan Gosling

Restaurant: Tagine, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Cuisine: Moroccan, with awesome-sounding dishes such as lamb honey sauce and tartar of tomato and cucumber.

» Tagine is hugely popular in online reviews, and we're always in favor of a place with a tasting menu—especially if it means we might get to look at this hottie.

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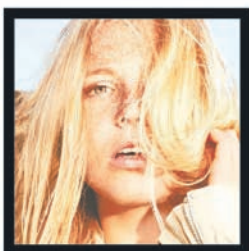
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red hot

"It's a really good idea until it becomes a bad idea."

Justin Timberlake, to Ellen DeGeneres in an interview to air Thursday, on having casual sex with friends, according to **people.com**. JT, who stars in this summer's "Friends With Benefits," added: "It probably becomes a bad idea really fast."

Justin Timberlake
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Lissie's big week

Adele. Feist. Lissie? Yep, one day after being named to the 2011 Lollapalooza lineup, Rock Island native singer-songwriter Lissie Maurus (who now lives in California) has been tapped as VHI's next "You Oughta Know" artist. She's not the only Chicago artist with a rising stock: Local rockers Empires have made the final four in Rolling Stone's contest, which will land one unsigned band on the mag's cover. Represent.



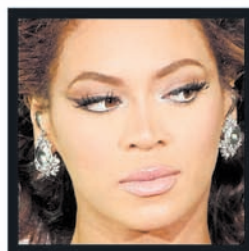
Mark the mentor

Can you guess who's a huge fan of Justin Bieber—and not a teenage girl? Mark Wahlberg. Yep, Marky Mark told New York magazine Tuesday that he and Bieber are hashing out a new film in which Wahlberg will play "kind of like a reluctant mentor in an inner-city environment." He wouldn't say much else, just that there'll be no singing or dancing.



The new Ricky?

Live from Universal City, Calif., ... it's Jason Sudeikis! The "Saturday Night Live" star will be the host of the 2011 MTV Movie Awards, set to air June 5, the network announced. "I look forward to keeping the streak of flawless and critically lauded movie awards show hosting in 2011 alive," Sudeikis joked. Oh, burn, Ricky Gervais/James Franco!



Fierce accusations

Don't you hate getting slapped with \$100 million lawsuits? Yeah, we wouldn't know either, but that's what happened to Beyoncé on Tuesday, according to **billboard.com**. A software developer claims Beyoncé backed out of the creation of a dance video game called "Starpower: Beyoncé," costing 70 workers their jobs. Beyoncé's reps haven't commented on the suit, the site reports.



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The number of viewers who watched the debut of NBC's "The Voice," according to variety.com.

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